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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SABINOSO WILDERNESS.

WHEREAS, the Sabinoso area is located approximately forty
miles east of Las Vegas and twenty-five miles northwest of
Conchas Lake state park in San Miguel county; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifteen thousand acres of existing
federal lands have been proposed as the Sabinoso wilderness
area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness encompasses the
existing Sabinoso wilderness study area and the Sabinoso area
of critical environmental concern, both established by the
bureau of land management; and

WHEREAS, the area is characterized by long, deep canyons
carved into sandstone mesas with the dominant feature of the

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1 area being the thousand-foot-deep Canon Largo, which connects
2 to the Canadian river just outside the proposed area; and

3 WHEREAS, the area contains exceptional scenery, including
4 the area's many canyons and incredibly broad vistas across the
5 eastern plains of the area; and

6 WHEREAS, the area is home to a range of wildlife and game
7 species, including mule deer, wild turkey, mourning dove,
8 rabbit, bobcat, coyote and gray fox, and also supports a wide
9 variety of birds, including red-tailed hawk, American kestrel,
10 mountain chickadee and broad-tailed hummingbird, among many
11 others; and

12 WHEREAS, the establishment of the Sabinoso wilderness area
13 will provide continued opportunities for future generations of
14 New Mexicans to enjoy recreation such as hunting, hiking,
15 observing wildlife, horseback riding and experiencing solitude;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, no private lands will be included or adversely
18 affected by the creation of the wilderness; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness area protects
20 existing traditional uses, including grazing and hunting; and

21 WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness area will
22 provide sustainable economic opportunities for local
23 individuals and communities, including hunting, guiding, bed
24 and breakfasts and other economic benefits;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
2 congressional delegation be requested to support the creation
3 of the Sabinoso wilderness area; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bureau of land management
5 be requested to work with the state land office and department
6 of game and fish to consolidate this unique habitat and to
7 provide public access to the area for hunting and other
8 pursuits; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
11 commissioner of public lands, the director of the department of
12 game and fish and the state director of the bureau of land
13 management.